(c) the number of tigers estimated to be residing in the said forest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central assistance released under Project Tiger Scheme upto 1992-93 is Rs. 310.74 lakhs, of which Rs. 306.90 lakhs have been spent by the State Government. The Central assistance released so far during the current financial year is Rs. 22.3950 lakhs.

(c) The estimated number of tigers in this Reserve is 95.

Pending Projects from Andhra Pradesh

630. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government that are pending for Environmental clearance;

(b) since when these are pending; and

(c) at what stage of consideration they are?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Only one project namely Vemagiri Gas Based Thermal Power Station of Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board received in May, 1993 is pending as the additional information sought by the expert committee has been furnished only recently by the project authorities.

Seizure of Tiger Skins in Delhi

631. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the seizure of tiger-skin in Delhi on August 31, 1993 was the biggest and if so, how many tigers and other wild cats skins were seized;

(b) whether the seizure included the skins and bows of a large number of endangered species; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any gang of illict dealers and poachers was nabbed; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A large quantity of skin and bones was seized in Delhi on 30.8.1993. Besides tiger skins, the seizure included skins of other endangered species, viz., leopard, black buck etc. The details of the seizures are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(c) Two persons have been arrested in the above case and a complaint has been filed in the Court of Law.

Statement

List of Items Seized on 30th August, 1993

1st Seizure :

Tiger Skins	6 No.
Tiger bones	162 Kg.
IInd. Seizure :	
Lizard skins	43
Tiger bone	125 Kg.